

BEACH RESTORATION - May 19, 2022

As a follow-up to our May 16, 2022 email update regarding the condition of the beach, the Mayor and Council is pleased to announce that all beach walkways, with the exception of S. 3rd Street, have been restored and reopened by DNREC.

What will be different?

- The temporary sand walkways look different, but still provide sufficient access. We anticipate that Mother Nature will naturally replenish some areas of the beach, but sections may be noticeably narrower during high tide, or you may see 'sand bars' during low tide.
- Until DNREC can replace some of the sand fence on the dune edges, we remind everyone that due to the significant erosion that occurred from the nor'easter, **please stay away from the top of the dune edges as well as the bottom of the dune face.**
- Work on the beach and walkways will continue as needed. **We ask that everyone please be considerate of the equipment** needed for this work and keep a safe distance.
- As always, the beach patrol will be on duty starting Memorial Day weekend. Lifeguard chairs may be set-up in temporary or different locations, but rest assured, lifeguards will be on duty. For your safety and the safety of others, **please follow all instructions and directions provided by the beach patrol.**
- Any beachgoer who requires assistance to access the beach, can contact Beach Patrol Captain Ryan Dacey at 302-539-3653.
- In keeping with the Delaware State Parks trash-free program, South Bethany is establishing a "Carry In – Carry Out" policy and trash cans will not be placed directly on the beach until we see better natural restoration. Please follow the carry in - carry out plan and **take all trash with you** when you leave the beach.
- The Town will continue to provide updates on the beach cleaning and restoration as they become available.

We are grateful for everyone who made this restoration occur so quickly so that our property owners and visitors can start to celebrate summer at the *"Best Little Beach in Delaware"*.

Mayor and Town Council

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